(a) whether TV Programmes are relayed from Doordarshan Relay Centre set up at Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh); and

(b) if not, the reasons for the inordinate delay in transmitting programmes from that relay centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Sale of 'Karpoor Asav Sura' without Licence

1687. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "Karpoor Asav sura" which has taken a toll of hundreds of lives on the Deepavali day in Delhi was being sold without licence;

(b) if so, how this happened and whether this was due to slackness on the part of administration and police, and

(c) how this 'Sura" was brought to Delhi from Ghaziabad factory which is legally not allowed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The Delhi Administration has reported that no licence is required for sale of Ayurvedic medicine under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. The deaths in Delhi were caused by the consumption of a spurious drug, which has been analysed to contain methyl alcohol, a poisonous substance. The spurious drug was brought to Delhi from Ghaziabad clandestinely.

[*English*]

Improvement of Telephone System in West Bengal

1688. SHRI HANNAN MOLLIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation for improvement of telephone service at Bagnan Exchange in Howrah district and Uluberia of West Bengal:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representation relate to the performance of telephone exchanges at Bagnan and Uluberia and trunk services and STD facilities between Calcutta and Bagnan.

(c) On 30.9.1991 one 128 ports C-DOT type electronic exchange has been commissioned at Bagnan in replacement of 100 lines MAX-III exchange. Provision of STD facility is in progress and is expected to be completed during 1992. Most of the trunk traffic between Calcutta and Bagnan is passed through Kelaghat. Uluberia is having an electro-mechanical exchange which is proposed to be replaced by an electronic exchange during 93-94 to improve the services.